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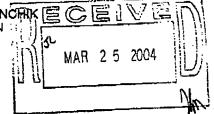
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Title

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DESCRIPTION

NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES AND POLYNUCLEOTIDES RELATING TO THE α- AND β-SUBUNITS OF GLUTAMATE DEHYDROGENASES AND METHODS OF USE

This invention was made with government support under USDA Competitive Grant Number 87-CRCR-1-2476. The government has certain rights in this invention.

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Cross-Reference to a Related Application

This application is a continuation application of co-pending application Serial No. 09/070,844, filed May 1, 1998 which is a divisional application of co-pending application Serial No. 08/725,596, filed October 3, 1996 (now abandoned), which is a continuation-inpart of co-pending application Serial No. 08/541,033, filed October 6, 1995 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,879,941, issued March 9, 1999).

Background of the Invention

Inorganic nitrogen acquired by plants is ultimately converted to ammonium before being assimilated in organic nitrogen metabolism. One enzyme postulated to be involved in the assimilatory process is glutamate dehydrogenase (GDH), a group of ubiquitous enzymes found to be present in almost all organisms from microbes to higher plants and animals (Srivastava, H.S., R.P. Singh [1987] Phytochem. 26:597-610). GDH catalyses the reversible conversion of α-ketoglutarate to glutamate via a reductive amination that utilizes reduced β-nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NADH) or reduced β-nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate (NADPH) as a cofactor. The role of plant GDHs in the assimilation of ammonium into amino acids has been questioned since the discovery of the glutamine synthetase/glutamate synthase (GS/GOGAT) pathway that is believed to be the favored pathway for ammonium assimilation in higher plants (Miflin, B.J., P.J. Lea [1976] Phytochem. 15:873-885).

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